

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed September 20, 2007, the Examiner noted that claims 1-10, 15-29, 33-43, 47, 48, and 51-60 were pending and rejected claims 1-10, 15-29, 33-43, 47, 48, and 51-60. Claims 1, 15, 21, 33, 34, 35, 48, 51-57 and 60 have been amended, no claims have been canceled, new claim 61 has been added; and, thus, in view of the foregoing claims 1-10, 15-29, 33-43, 47, 48, and 51-61 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter is believed to have been added. The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed below.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action, on page 2, rejected claims 1, 15, 21, 35 and 51-55 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as failing to produce a result. Claims 1, 15, 21, 35, 51-55 have been amended to produce a result. For example, claim 1 has been amended to recite "an output interface connectable to an output unit, wherein the reproduction of the content data is outputted to the output unit connected to the output interface." Therefore, a person having ordinary skill in the art would clearly understand that there is a result being produced following controlling reproduction of data when reading claims 1, 15, 21, 35 and 51-55. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 15, 21, 35 and 51-55 satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Further, claims depending from independent claims 1, 15, 21, and 35 also satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for the same reasons as their respective base claims.

The Office Action, on page 3, rejected claims 34, 48 and 56-60 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for omitting steps and failure to produce a result. Claims 34, 48, 56, 57 and 60 have been amended to include the omitted steps and produce a result. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 34, 48, 56, 57 and 60 satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Further, claims 58 and 59, which depend from independent claim 57, satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for the same reasons as their base claim.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all rejections.

NEW CLAIM

New claim 61 recites:

An information processing method comprising:

judging whether data located by a locating information comes under a

predetermined category based on a file identifier when extracting the file identifier indicating one of a plurality of categories of data in a data file containing the data located in said locating information by searching identified locating information in the data store destination when searching information specifying a data store destination which stores said locating information where data exists;

storing the locating information to collect pieces of locating information for locating where the data exist when the data is judged to come under the predetermined category;

controlling a reproduction of the content data based on the reproducing sequence that reproduces a content data searched based on predetermined parameters set by a user and a reproduction of the content data; and
outputting the reproduction of the content data to the user.

Therefore, new claim 61, which recites essential features and produces a result, satisfies the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

SUMMARY

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. Further, all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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